

A project update of the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority



Historic Stabilization

OVER-THE-RHINE LANG BUILDING, MT. HEALTHY THEATER LIVE TO SEE ANOTHER CENTURY
The Hamilton County Landbank's Historic Structure Stabilization program assists in the stabilization of important, historic, vacant buildings across Hamilton County, in order to preserve them for future re-use. The Landbank has completed four stabilizations this year so far, including two properties in Lower Price Hill, as well as 1706 Lang St. building in Over-the-Rhine, and the Mt. Healthy Theater on Hamilton Avenue.



1706 Lang: Built in 1855, the three-story brick structure was [crumbling into the street](#) and slated for demolition in early spring 2015, until an outpouring of community support successfully halted its demise. The City of Cincinnati partnered with the Hamilton County Landbank to stabilize the property at a total cost of \$134,600. The Landbank managed the stabilization project, which was completed in June.



The Mt. Healthy Theater: Known as the Main Theater dating back to 1915, operated by the Blum family, the neighborhood cinema thrived through the 40s and 50s as a prime entertainment spot with a focus on family-friendly films. The theater closed in 1971 and aside from a stint as an auction house, suffered years of neglect with the building falling into disrepair. The Port Authority determined the building to be of sufficient historical significance and worked with the City of Mount Healthy to stabilize it from further deterioration until a new use can be found for it. The Mt. Healthy Historical Society recently featured an illustrated history of the theater in their [May Newsletter](#) at www.mthealthystory.org (see page 4).

The Landbank accepts nominations for sites throughout Hamilton County that may be eligible for the Historic Structure Stabilization Program. The structures must be vacant and blighted, and of some historical significance. For more information, send an email to crecht@cincinnatiport.org or call 513-621-3000.

Public Finance

DAYTON-CINCINNATI REGIONAL BOND FUND EXPANSION FINALIZED

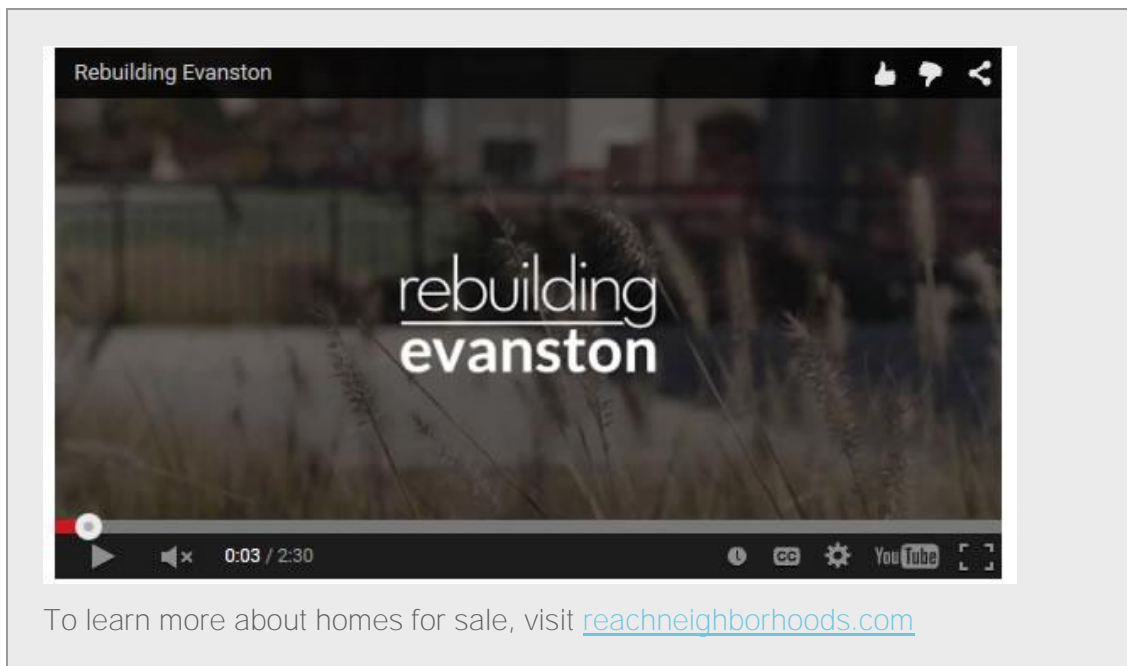
The Port Authority joins the Dayton/Montgomery County Port Authority as issuing agency for the Southwest Ohio Regional Bond Fund. The two port authorities recently finalized a cooperative agreement that defines their respective roles, determines what kinds of job-creating projects are eligible and establishes a credit committee to develop underwriting standards used for all projects under consideration.

[Read the full press release: Southwest Ohio Regional Bond Fund announcement 6.5.15](#)

Community Revitalization

REBUILDING EVANSTON VIDEO

Several months ago, when we began to acquire homes in Evanston and refine our renovation plans, we wanted to be able to visually capture the start-to-finish of this process in our first REACH neighborhood. On June 9, we debuted this video to the Greater Ohio Policy Summit and are now pleased to share it with you: <http://www.cincinnatiport.org/rebuilding-evanston/>



At the Greater Ohio Policy Summit in Columbus, Laura Brunner and Darin Hall each participated in panels focused on aspects of community revitalization and discussed work we are doing in Cincinnati neighborhoods like Evanston and Bond Hill. It was a great opportunity to share our progress, practices, and pitfalls - and hear what other cities and communities across Ohio are doing to face similar challenges.

Now, eight months later, we have 11 REACH Evanston homes: four sold, two more under contract, closing this summer, and others in various stages of renovation. Thanks to US Digital Partners for helping us share the visual transformation of these homes to date. To learn more about homes for sale, visit reachneighborhoods.com

People & Events

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR CONFERENCE ON FREIGHT SEPT 14-16

Registration is now open to attend the 2015 Conference on Freight, which will be held in Cincinnati for the first time in the history of the annual event. Also for the first time, several regional conferences will be combined into one unified event addressing the freight and logistics industries in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and the 10-state mid-America freight region.

The conference addresses all modes of freight, with sessions on freight policy and planning, economic development, industry integration, energy and sustainability. This expanded event -- *Breaking Boundaries: Building a Future Together* -- is designed to respond to dramatic growth expected in freight volumes, which necessitates a coordinated response from producers, carriers, and both public and private sectors to support competitiveness and prosperity. A conference theme is building professional capacity in all aspects of freight transport through exploring best practices in supply chain and logistics.

This event will draw hundreds of attendees in the freight economies, from the public and private sectors. It's a great opportunity to network with decision makers in the industry: freight transport carriers, manufacturers and distributors, consulting firms, elected officials and industry stakeholders.

The Port Authority is an event sponsor and will discuss the formation, initial actions and strategic vision for the newly designated Ports of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Region to promote the maritime industry across 15 Kentucky and Ohio counties along the Ohio and Licking rivers. OKI Regional Council of Governments and JobsOhio are providing key organizational support and coordination with Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG). Professional development credit is available.

Registration/information: www.oki.org; or http://ohiofreight.org/OCF_reg.htm

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SUMMER INTERNS BRING BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE TO PORT AUTHORITY

This May, two graduate students began working with the Port Authority on research and development projects and initiatives of the Landbank and HURC.



Brandon Gumm is a graduate student studying Urban Sustainability and Resilience at Xavier University. Recognizing his insatiable desire for research projects, the Port Authority put him to work studying best practices in its various programming and development initiatives. He also works to support initiatives of the Hamilton County Landbank. Prior to the Port Authority, Brandon worked for the Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation where he gained valuable skills in community development and urban planning. Brandon grew up in Mt. Pleasant, MI and graduated from Michigan State University with a double BA in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy and Comparative Cultures and Politics. Brandon is an active member of the Young Professional Choral Collective based in Over-the-Rhine, and a volunteer for the Civic Garden Center's youth education programming.



Ashley (Mullikin) Young is pursuing a Juris Doctor at the the University of Cincinnati College of Law and is expected to graduate in May 2017. She is responsible for researching complex legal issues to help facilitate acquisitions and to alleviate issues hindering the Port's operations. As a Cincinnati native who cares deeply about the state of the city's neighborhoods, Ashley was drawn to the Port Authority's Community Revitalization efforts. Ashley graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Cincinnati in 2013 with a BA in Philosophy. Newly married, Ashley and her husband reside in Norwood.

In the News

[Putting the ports of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky on the business map](#) via the Lane Report

[Region's federally recognized aerospace industry brings new dollars](#) via Dayton Daily News

[Renovated housing developments bring new residents to Evanston and Covington](#) via Soapbox

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